Then and Now

Local residents starred in musical production

By FRANCES ABBITT

Believe it or not, years ago, too many to remember, quite a few Appomattox residents and former residents were stars in a musical production, "From Out of the Past."

Pupils of the late Miss Kate Franklin, local music teacher, starred in the spring production.

One day when browsing among her souvenirs, Mrs. Jean Hesson of the Appomattox County School Board office, and a member of the production, found an old program listing those participating in the recital.

Although she was in the production, Jean Hesson doesn't remember the year and it wasn't listed on the program. It seems that none of us who had a part in this production can remember the year, or do you suppose we just don't want to?

The theme of the musical went something like this...

Marion (Jean Akers Hesson), was a student who was lamenting over scale practice. Her mother, played by Katherine Burge Weatherly, very carefully explained how important it was to learn how to play the scales well. She managed to get her point across with the help of figures from the past.

Taking the parts of figures from the past were Thelma Covington, Mary Owen Carson, Agnes Jennings, Lorraine Hamilton Torrence, Ruth Hesson and Dorothy O'Brien.

In addition to the figures from the past, the mother had to get help from musical terms before she could fully convince her daughter of the importance of consistent scale practice.

Musical terms were Elvira Harvey Clapp; Thomas Evans, Jr., Nancy Scott Goode, Walton Jamerson, Mary Frances Covington, Elizabeth Caldwell, Audrey Pugh Hamilton, Frances Cecil, Helen Mitchell Ford, Lily B. Davidson, Helen Smith Wheeler, Jacqueline Alvis, Frances Harvey Abbitt, Hazel Chilton, Marjorie Marshall, Shirley Harvey, Rachel Howerton, Harriet Smith Abbitt, Alfred LeGrand and Billy Moses.

A rhythm orchestra played for the occasion and consisted of Elizabeth Jamerson, David Cunningham, James Ford, Lefern Doss Barron, Murrell Ferguson, Billy Conner, Nancy Scott Goode, Peggy Moses Harvey, Dorothy Ould, Doris Cawthorn, Walter Dresser, Bobby Lawson and Morton Ferguson.

Many of the participants were as young as second and third grade while others were high school seniors.

Anyone who did not have Miss Kate Franklin for a teacher for at least a short time missed a lot. Not just her vast musical knowledge but a lesson in discipline.

Miss Kate, who taught music for many years, was strict, really strict when it came to practice and even more demanding when lesson time rolled around.

I'm sure all those participating (at least piano students) remember being smacked on the hand and being told, "Now you know darling...that just isn't right!"

Calling her students names of endearment while handing out a 'tongue lashing' for failure to come up to her rigid standards, came natural to the old maid music teacher who made her work her entire life.

Jean Hesson was very young when she began music lessons with Miss Kate and found it hard to reach an octave of the piano.

"I used to wonder what was going to happen to my little finger," Hesson laughed. "Miss Kate would not be satisfied when you did the best you could, she would be sure that little finger stretched all the length of the octave."

Somehow or other she always got our fingers where she wanted them.

Mrs. Malcolm Ingo (Jane) a former music pupil of Miss Kate Franklin and who also lived next door to the music teacher for a good many years, remembers one amusing incident concerning Miss Kate.

The Oakville PTA was having a meeting and Miss Kate attended. Soon after she was seated at the meeting, a lady leaned over her shoulder and said what sounded like, "Do you play in public?" Miss Kate answered proudly, "Yes."

A little later in the program another individual said, "We will bow in prayer as Miss Kate Franklin leads us."

No one seems to know whether Miss Kate had ever prayed in public before but one thing is certain...she didn't lead in prayer that day. She quickly asked those present to repeat the Lord's Prayer, according to Jane Inge.

Miss Kate, who often loomed large and scary to those of us who had not practiced as we should have done, came across to the general public as a very gracious lady, which indeed she was. Her appearance and manner told the casual observer that she was a southern lady.

Miss Kate . . . a special memory to a great many Appomattox people.

Donation made

LARRY MOBLEY, right, presents a check on behalf of the Evergreen Ruritan Club to Weldon Covington, left, for the Pamplin Volunteer Fire Department. (Photo by Bill Sherrod).

Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, FEB. 2

The Oakville Extension Homemakers will meet at the Oakville School at 1:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to join this organization may call Geraldine Marshall, president at 392-8003. This meeting is open to all people, regardless of race, color, creed or age.

MONDAY, FEB. 6

The Concord chapter of Young Homemakers of Virginia will hold their monthly meeting at the Concord Fire Department building at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. Sam Baker of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad Company. He will give a talk on railroad crossing safety. The public is invited to attend.

MONDAY, FEB. 6.

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Varsity basketball

Raiders win 2 more contests

The Raider varsity basketball team defeated William Campbell and Liberty in games Friday and Saturday night, after a 49-39 loss to Gretna last Tuesday night.

The Raiders played Gretna close in the first half of last Tuesday's game, and took a 15-13 lead into the locker room at the half.

In the third quarter, however, the Hawks gained a lead, which they extended in the final period, and when the final horn sounded, Gretna had the win, 49-39.

Ricky Miller was high scorer for Appomattox, with 14 points. Tyrone Abbitt and Todd Scruggs scored four each, Mike Jackson scored three, and Gary Ferguson and Bobby Carter scored two each for the Raiders.

High scorer for Gretna was Ramsey Yeatts, who scored 20 points against the Raiders.

Friday's game against William Campbell saw the Raiders take a 29-26 lead into the locker room at the half, then come back to outscore William Campbell 15-14 in the third quarter and 11-10 in the final quarter to record the victory, 56-50.

Ricky Miller and Bobby Carter each had 14 points for the Raiders, and Gary Ferguson and Mike Jackson each had 10 points.

Others scoring for Appomattox were Timmy Austin with four points, and Todd Scruggs and Tyrone Abbitt, with two points each.

High scorers for William Campbell were Allen Walker with 16 points, and David Haley with 12.

Saturday's contest saw the Raiders offense in high gear, with Appomattox recording its seventh victory of the season, 60-36.

Gary Ferguson scored 23 points, Ricky Miller had 14 points and 10 rebounds, Mike Jackson scored 10 points, Tyrone Abbitt scored six, Bobby Carter scored four, Kinckle Robinson scored two, and Freddie Lawson scored one for the Raiders.

High scorer for Liberty was Jon Brown, who scored 10 points.

"We got good team play in both of the wins," commented Coach Coty Dickerson. "Gary Ferguson and Timmy Austin did a good job of getting the ball to the other players. We had 18 assists in the two wins."

Dickerson also commended the play of Ricky Miller, Mike Jackson and Bobby Carter. "They did a good job on the boards," the coach noted. He also was pleased with the play of Tyrone Abbitt off the bench against Liberty.

The Raiders, who were 7-4 in the district as of Monday, had seven games remaining in the season, "all of which are big games," Dickerson notes. "These games are all important for a lot of reasons. The seedings in the tournament will be determined in these final games, and there are several teams still in the thick of it for good seedings," Dickerson says.

"But you have to take a game at a time," the coach adds. "This is a strong district, and there are some hungry teams out there that we have to play."

The Raiders were scheduled to play Jefferson Forest Tuesday night after the Times-Virginian deadline. Friday night, the team is scheduled to play Nelson County at home, and next Tuesday, the team is scheduled to play Altavista away.

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Hoop action

Jayvees defeat Gretna, Liberty

The Raider junior varsity basketball team defeated Gretna last Tuesday evening, lost to William Campbell Friday night, but came back to defeat Liberty in Saturday night's game.

Jack Baker was high scorer with 13 points, and Alex Almond added eight in Tuesday's victory over the jayvee Hawks, which was not sealed until the final seconds of the game.

With four seconds remaining to play, Raider Jack Baker sank two freethrows to give the Raiders their 30-29 win.

Raider jayvee coach John Pettyjohn said his team "played very good defense the whole game. The big boys blocked out well on the boards and got a lot of rebounds. Cleve Jones and Brett Marston did an especially good job at rebounding against Gretna."

Friday's game resulted in a 51-37 William Campbell victory. "William Campbell had a good team. They had some big boys. We played them tough, though, and the final score doesn't reflect the type of game it was," said Pettyjohn.

Alex Almond was the leading scorer for the Raiders, with 12 points.

Saturday night's game went better for the Raiders, who walked away with a 54-39 victory. "The kids had a good all-around game," noted Pettyjohn. "Jack Baker, Cleve Jones, Brett Marston, and Lee Drinkard did an excellent job rebounding. And the defense worked well, too. Alex Almond, Anthony Kelso, Jeff Motley, and Keith Martin off the bench did a good job pressing Liberty," the coach added.

High scorers for the Raiders against Liberty were Jack Baker, with 17 points, and Darren Tolley, with 12 points.

"The group of kids who came off the bench did an outstanding job for us," Pettyjohn said of last week's games. "The whole team has been improving every week, and they haven't let setbacks get them down."

The Raiders were scheduled to play Jefferson Forest Tuesday evening after the Times-Virginian deadline. The team is scheduled to play Nelson County Friday evening, and Altavista next Tuesday.

Volleyball season starts with victory

The Raiderette volleyball team began its season with a win over Gretna 15-8, 16-14.

Leading scorers for the match were Diann Harvey with 9 service points, Kim Shupe with 7 service points, Sherry Purcell and Kim Hancock with 6 an 4 service points, respectively.

Kim Shupe led the Raiderette spikers with 6 points and 8 kills. Sally Coleman and Diann Harvey each added 1 point and 2 kills. A kill is a spike that is not played or returned.

First-year coach Bob Hudson commented, "Purcell and Tambra Hamlet did an excellent job setting which allowed us to get in our spiking game."

Those who did not play in the regular game played a B-game. They lost 21-9.

Leading Raiderette scorers in that game were Jewel McCoy and Kim Osborne with 4 service points each and Terri Hancock with 3 service points.

Last Tuesday night the Raiderettes defeated Rustburg.

Kim Hancock was leading scorer with 18 service points. "Kim Hancock's serve was totally dominating," Hudson said. "She accounted for 16 of the 30 points we scored. By serving well, she allowed us to always stay ahead." Other scorers for Appomattox were Diann Harvey, with 5 service points and Sherry Purcell with 4. Kim Shupe added 2 points.

In spiking, Kim Shupe had 2 points and 3 kills, Kim Hancock scored 1 point on 1 kill and Diann Harvey and Sally Coleman each had 1 kill.

The Raiderettes lost the B game 21-12. Monica Stratton had 4 service points while Renee Weasley and Terri Hancock each added 3.

The Raiderettes participated in an invitational tournament at Jefferson Forest High School on Saturday, Jan. 28.

The Appomattox team defeated Staunton River 15-8, 15-2. In their second game, the Raiderettes were defeated by a Jefferson Forest team, 3-15, 5-15. Jefferson Forest went on to win the tournament.

Lord Botetourt, defending state champions, handed the Raiderettes their second defeat of the day 1-15 and 8-15.

In the game to decide third place, the Raiderettes lost a tough match to Liberty 15-10, 8-15, 7-15.

In combined statistics, Kim Hancock had 24 service points followed by Kim Shupe with 15 and Diann Harvey with 13. Sherry Purcell tallied 10 service points. Sally Coleman and Tambra Hamlet scored 8 and 7 points, respectively.

Kim Shupe was credited with 25 spikes followed by Kim Hancock with 17 and Sally Coleman with 15.

"This was good experience for our team to get ready for tournaments," noted Coach Hudson.

The Raiderettes were scheduled to play at home on Monday against William Campbell and Thursday versus Nelson. Both games start at 7 p.m.

Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK H. SWEET
Extension Agent

4-H Public Speaking programs started this week and will continue for the next week or so as 4-H'ers present speeches on a variety of subjects. Speakers are selected from each group to go on to the County Public Speaking program which will be held on February 23 at Appomattox Elementary School. Ribbons and certificates are awarded to each young person presenting a speech. These awards are provided through the courtesy of Farmers National Bank.

Friday of this week (February 3) is the last date to turn in 4-H strawberry orders. The plants will be ordered next week for delivery in March. Families ordering the strawberry plants will be notified when the plants arrive.

Nine outstanding 4-H volunteer leaders were recognized at last Monday's 4-H Awards Banquet. Special 10 years of service as a 4-H volunteer awards were awarded to Miss Fran White and Mrs. Margaret Glover. Five years of service pins were awarded to Mrs. Laura McClenny, Mrs. Kathy Whately, Mrs. Betty Bryan, Mr. Michael Hancock and Mrs. Janet Hix. Framed certificates were presented to Mrs. Janice Marston, Mrs. Laura McClenny and Mr. Robert McClenny for their contributions to the Appomattox 4-H program during the past year.

Plans are underway for the Interstate Exchange trip to Texas in late July. 4-H members in the 7th grade and up may apply to travel on Texas as delegates. Applications will be available at the February 4-H meetings. 4-H members from Bailey County, Texas visited in Appomattox last summer. Appomattox 4-H members have been involved in past Exchange programs with Tennessee, Maryland, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Nebraska and Wisconsin. Further details are available from the Extension Office.

Volunteer leaders may wish to mark their calendars for March 10 as the date of the District Spring 4-H Leaders meeting. It will be held at the District Extension Office in Appomattox beginning at 9:30 a.m. Complete details will be available in early February.

4-H Club news

Mrs. Jackson's 4-H Club

Mrs. Jackson's Sixth Grade class had 4-H on January 10, 1984. The meeting was called to order by our President, Rodney Deaner. Our recreation was led by our Recreation Leaders Rodney Bell and Robin Mann. We talked about blue-bird houses. Mr. Sweet also discussed Pubic Speaking with us.

The meeting was adjourned by the Vice President Sherry Hackney.

Duane Morgan
Reporter

Mrs. Blue's 4-H Meeting

Mrs. Blue's 4-H class met December 14, 1983. The president called the meeting to order. We said the pledge to the American and 4-H flag. Then we sung songs and played games. Our 4-H project books from the fall had come in and Public Speaking is coming up. The meeting was then adjourned.

Tina Martin,
Reporter

Mrs. Coleman's 4-H Club

Mrs. Coleman's 6th Grade Class had 4-H on January 12, 1984. Wayne Parsons led us in the 4-H Pledge and Sabrina Kelly led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our Recreation leaders, Jennifer Mayberry and Reggie Turner, led us in the game "Seven Up."

We talked about scores on projects. We also discussed Public Speaking. Mr. Sweet passed out some strawberry order forms and 4-H Judging Team projects. We discussed 4-H Camp which will be held July 9-15. The cost will be $60.00 per person. Mr. Sweet also told us aobut Bluebird houses, which will cost $1.25.

Our meeting was then adjourned by our Vice President, Ward Sauls.

Angela Thornton
Reporter

Mrs. Gregory's 4-H Club

Mrs. Gregory's 4-H Club met on December 12, 1983. The meeting was called to order by the president. Mike led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Batina led the 4-H Pledge. We played the games "Cat and the Rat" and "7-Up."

Mr. Sweet gave certificates to those who had been in Share-the-Fun. He also told us about 4-H Camp and scholarships for camp. The class then worked on a project.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Stacey Goode
Reporter

Miss Krufka's 4-H'ers

Miss Krufka's 6th grade 4-H Club met on Thursday, Dec. 15, 1983. During our meeting, Mr. Sweet passed out a judging team survey sheet. He also announced that Public Speaking will be held in late January.

We also played a game where you could only say something nice to someone. If you said a cut or something bad you were out of the games. This helped us to learn to be nice to everyone.

Billy Profitt,
Reporter

Mrs. Jackson's 4-H Club

Mrs. Barbara Jackson's 4-H Club met on December 19, 1983. Our president, Rodney Deaner, called the meeting to order. Our recreation leaders, Rodney Bell and Robin Mann, led us in the games of Four-Corners and 7-Up.

We talked about strawberry order forms and about team subjects and how you can win.

Rodney Deader adjourned the meeting.

Duane Morgan,
Reporter

Mrs. Turner's 4-H Club

Mrs. Turner's 4-H Club met on December 16, 1983. Our president, Vidal Meggerson, called our meeting to order. Then we said our pledges.

The Recreation Leaders, Sandra [illegible] and Jerome [illegible] led us in playing Hot and Four Corners.

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The teacher-trainees are under the direction of a local teacher and are supervised by two Longwood faculty members, one from their major area of study and one from the department of education.

Prior to the student teaching experience, Longwood's education majors participate in special seminars designed to acquaint them with innovations in education, the particular needs and problems of handicapped children, and the constitutional and legal rights of both teachers and students.

Longwood's comprehensive program of teacher training is recognized throughout the state, as evidenced by the job placement record of its graduates. The program is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, and the Virginia State Board of Education.

Student teaching from this area: Robert Weatherly, of Appomattox, teaching history at Appomattox High School; Katheryn Gagen of Pamplin, teaching biology at Randolph Henry High School; Catherine Rengers, also of Pamplin, teaching art at Appomattox High School and Prince Edward County Elementary; and Judy Zimmerman of Concord, teaching K-3 at Appomattox Primary and Elementary schools.

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